



TOWN OF FRASER – PUBLIC WORKS SNOW MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS PLAN

This brochure was created by the Town of Fraser Public Works Department to inform residents and visitors about Snow Management Operations in the Town of Fraser.

If you wish to report a snow operations concern, or have questions regarding procedures, please call the Public Works Department at (970)726-5491 extensions 203, 205 or 230.

You may also visit our website to report a snow operations concern: www.frasercolorado.com on the homepage under the heading "I Want To..." then select, "Report a Problem".

To view the snow plowing route map on-line, visit the Town website home page, click Government, Departments, Public Works, Snow Management Operations Plan (SMOP), scroll to SMOP Details, and click on the link for street priority ratings.

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Fraser, CO 80442

Phone 726-5491
Fax 726-5518
website www.frasercolorado.com



www.frasercolorado.com

Road Conditions

CDOT dial 511

www.cotrip.org

Dear Residents and Visitors:

Welcome to winter in the Town of Fraser! The Public Works Department prepared this brochure to help inform residents and visitors about our snow management operations.

Snow management crews are well prepared for winter conditions. They work hard to keep streets safe for travel by vehicles and pedestrians by keeping them reasonably clear of snow and ice.

We hope this guide will answer your questions and offer some insight as to our operations. Please enjoy the Snow Management Operations Plan brochure and learn how we can work together to make this winter season a safe and pleasurable one.

Sincerely,

Allen Nordin

Public Works Director

Please, DO NOT CALL the local Police Department for road conditions or to ask them when the pass will be open. Their information is no more current than that found by calling 511 or www.cotrip.org. Answering your call may take them away from emergency response. CDOT is the Colorado Department of Transportation – they maintain/update the 511 information and the cotrip website.

Other Important Telephone Numbers

Emergencies	911
The Lift Bus System (First Student)	970-726-4163
East Grand School District	970-887-2581
East Grand Fire District	970-726-5824
Police Dept. (non-emergency)	970-722-7779
Public Works/Snow Removal	970-726-5491x230
Fraser Town Hall	970-726-5491
Winter Park Fraser Valley Chamber	970-726-4118

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the term "right-of-way" (ROW) mean?

The ROW includes the paved portion of roadway, drainage pans, the dirt shoulders on both sides and it abuts adjacent private property lines. ROW widths vary throughout town from 20 feet for a public alley to 80 feet for a main road. In addition to the ROW width, in some cases there may be an additional snow storage easement overlaying the adjoining property - typically 10 feet in width on each side of the street. This easement allows the Town to utilize a portion of private property for snow storage.

Is it okay to park on the street after it has been plowed?

No, the Town does not allow on-street parking within Town limits, except as posted.

Will cars parked on Town streets be towed?

Yes, but the process may take some time as it may involve the Public Works Department, the Police Department and a private towing company. If there is a car on your street in violation of parking restrictions, you may call the police at 970-722-7779.

Why doesn't the Town remove the snow they put in my driveway?

The Town's primary duty is to keep the roadway system open. When one considers the number of driveways in Town, it would be very costly and time consuming to clear every driveway. Resources do not provide for this type of work.

Who plows my street?

Not all streets in the Town of Fraser are owned and maintained by the Town. Private streets are the responsibility of private homeowners or their associations. The Town plows Town-owned streets.

Which streets get plowed first?

Plowing priorities are as follows:

- 1st the elementary school loop, steep grades, public and emergency transportation routes, high volume intersections and collector streets;
 - 2nd business and residential areas;
 - 3rd low volume residential streets and alleys;
 - 4th sidewalks, paved trails, crosswalk islands.
- See route map here or view on frasercolorado.com.

Does the Town use de-icer?

No, the Town uses traction sand, which is 8% salt.

Snow Removal Operations occur November through April

In General

Residents and guests of Fraser should be aware that during the winter months there are bound to be occasional inconveniences. Snow operations are labor intensive and equipment does occasionally fail. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Streets

Snow removal crews work long hours to keep the streets clear and safe. We ask for everyone's cooperation. Please remember, plow trucks cannot stop or turn as readily as most vehicles. Please allow ample space for snow removal equipment to maneuver freely.

Driveways

When plowing is required, snow berms may be created across driveways. The Town tries to keep this to a minimum, however, removal of the snow berm is the responsibility of the property owner.

Private Snow Plowing

Property owners/occupants should be aware that the placing, dumping or pushing of snow onto Town streets and right-of-ways from adjacent properties is prohibited per §11-1-10 through 11-1-40 of the Fraser Municipal Code.

Sidewalks and Trails

Property owners are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property. The Town provides minimal sidewalk clearing in the core area of the Town, and the paved Winter Park - Fraser River Trail.

Zerex Street/US Highway 40

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is responsible for removing snow and maintaining safe driving conditions on Zerex/Hwy 40 which runs through Fraser.

Eisenhower Drive Railroad Crossing

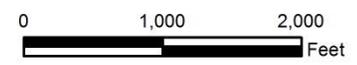
Union Pacific (UP) is responsible for removing snow/ice and maintaining safe driving conditions at their railroad crossings. The Town and UP work cooperatively to keep the crossing safe. However, for safety considerations, Town crews must obtain permission from UP each time they attempt any work at this crossing (to avoid conflicts with trains scheduled to pass through).



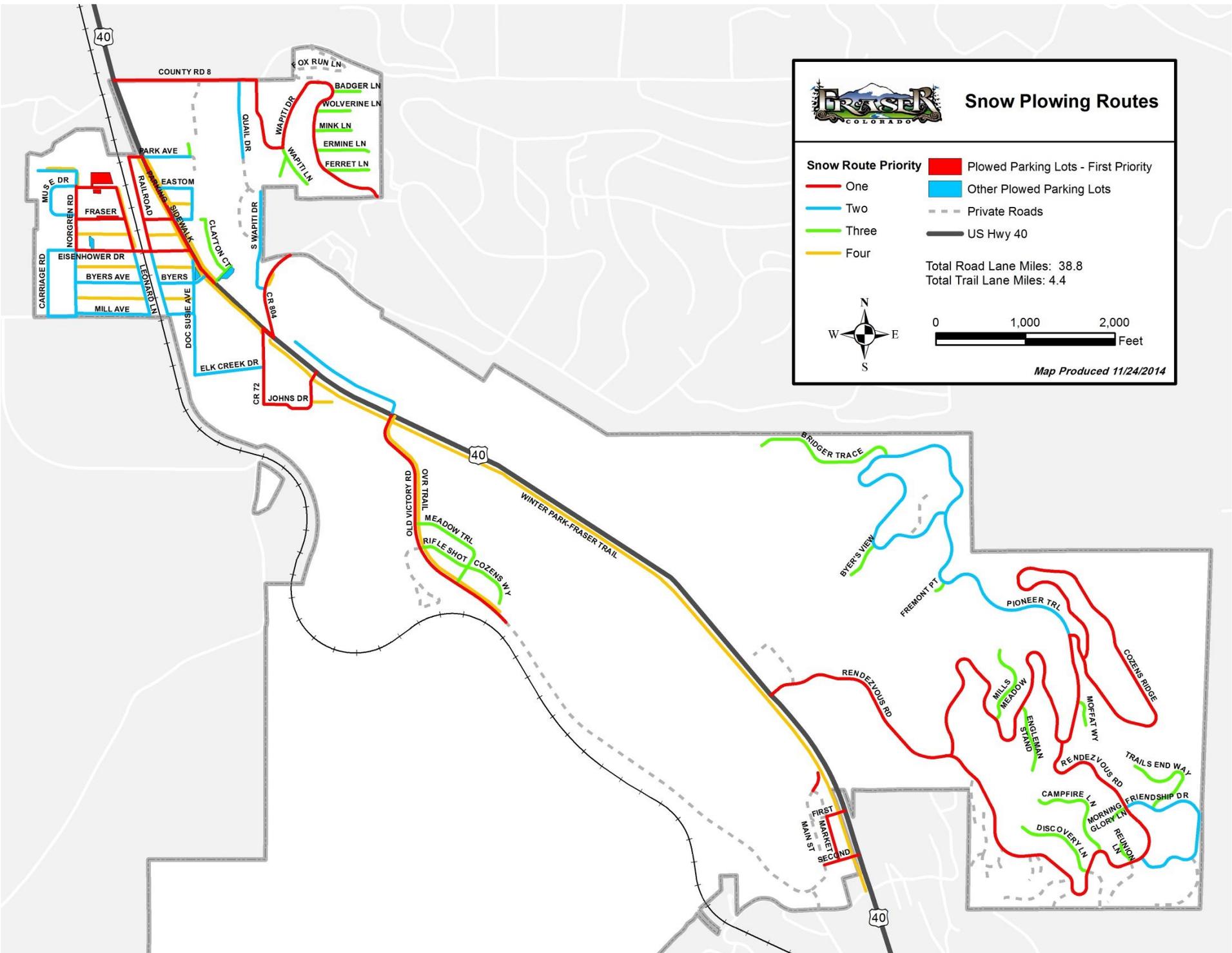
Snow Plowing Routes

- Snow Route Priority**
- One (Red line)
 - Two (Blue line)
 - Three (Green line)
 - Four (Yellow line)
- Other Symbols**
- Plowed Parking Lots - First Priority (Red square)
 - Other Plowed Parking Lots (Blue square)
 - Private Roads (Dashed line)
 - US Hwy 40 (Thick black line)

Total Road Lane Miles: 38.8
Total Trail Lane Miles: 4.4



Map Produced 11/24/2014



Directions to I-70 from Berthoud Pass Closure at Mary Jane Road

1. Head west on US Hwy 40 to the Town of Kremmling – 50.1 mi.
2. Turn left on CO Hwy 9/6th Street (at the traffic signal). Go south on Hwy 9 to the Town of Silverthorne – 37.4 mi.
3. Turn left at the I-70 Eastbound on-ramp.
4. Detour time – approximately 2 hours.

FOR ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

DIAL 511

or

visit www.cotrip.org

Updated emergency information can also be found at

www.gcemergency.com

BERTHOUD PASS and US HWY 40 CLOSURE INFORMATION



The following numbers are for non-emergency information purposes, not for road closure information:

Winter Park Fraser Valley Chamber of Commerce
970-726-4118

Fraser/Winter Park Police 970-722-7779

Information prepared by:

Fraser/Winter Park Police Department

and

Grand County Office of Emergency Management

This brochure has been produced to provide information to travelers who happened to be “stuck” in the Fraser Valley due to a Hwy 40/Berthoud Pass road closure. Berthoud Pass goes through extreme mountainous terrain and the highway traverses several major avalanche paths that are prone to slide after heavy snowfalls.

1. Why is Berthoud Pass closed?

The Pass closes for a variety of reasons:

- An accident requires closure.
- Adverse road or weather conditions.
- A precautionary closure due to extreme avalanche danger.
- An avalanche has blocked part or all of the highway.

2. How long will the highway be closed?

Pass closures can last from a few hours (accidents) up to a couple of days, depending upon a variety of factors. If the pass has been closed because of adverse conditions or avalanche danger, two things must happen before the pass can be re-opened. First, the weather conditions must improve so Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) employees are not endangered as they plow the highway. Second, avalanche mitigation must be completed during daylight hours to determine whether the highway is safe for travel.

3. I have a flight out of DIA and I’m a good driver in winter conditions. Is there any way I can get special permission to drive through the closure?

As much as we hate seeing people miss their flights, your safety is paramount. Generally, once the pass is closed, the only people who are allowed to go through a closure are emergency personnel.

4. How do I get back to I-70?

Alternate directions to I-70 are on the back of this brochure.

5. Where do I find updated road closure information?

Dial 511 from any phone or access CDOT’s road information at www.cotrip.org

6. Don’t local officials have better information than the pre-recorded CDOT phone message?

No! Both 511 and cotrip.org have the most updated information available. Please do not call the Police, Grand

County Dispatch or other first responder telephone numbers for road conditions. You may be taking time from a public official who is helping someone else with a true emergency!

7. Can I wait at the pass closure site until the pass opens?

Travelers are welcome to park alongside Hwy 40 as long as they do not obstruct traffic or snowplow operations. For closures that are anticipated to be longer than a couple of hours, we recommend that you return to the towns of Winter Park and Fraser where there are both restaurants and lodging as well as a variety of other services.

WINTER DRIVING ADVICE

- Slow down! Most accidents are caused by driving too fast for conditions.
- Don’t use cruise control on icy or snow packed roads.
- Use low beam headlights during adverse conditions.
- Leave extra room between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you.
- Don’t pass a snowplow. The safest place in adverse conditions is a safe distance behind a snowplow, where you will find the clearest roadway and the best traction
- Keep warm clothing as well as emergency supplies in an accessible place in your vehicle.
- Don’t travel in winter conditions with less than a full tank of fuel.
- If you become stranded or slide off the roadway, do not panic!
- Stay in the shelter of your vehicle. Keep the vehicle exhaust free of snow, and a window slightly open (to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning). Run the vehicle for a few minutes at a time to stay warm.
- Call 911 if you have a true emergency!

